Diesel Supply ta Remote Areas.

ii66. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state : —

(a) whether Government are aware that farmers in remote areas face the problem of diesel supply due to lack of supply points and depots;

(b) will the oil companies permit small traders or agriculturists to stock minimum quantity of diesel exclusively for agricultural use in distant areas; and

(c) if so, the steps proposed to supplement this suggestion ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA) (a) to (c) No, Sir. New retail outlets are planned are opened, wherever required

Allotment of L. P. G. Agencies And Petrol Retail Outlets in Tamil Nadu

1167. SHRI S. AUSTIN : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATUTAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether applications have been received for allotment of L. P. G. agencies and petrol retail outlets in Tamil Nadu during the current year;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and the action taken there on;

(c) whether Governemnt have allotted L. P. G. agencies on out of turn basis during the last two years; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) and (b) Applications are presently being invited by the Oil Marketing Companies for appointment by selection through Oil Selection Board for locations pending from previous Marketing Plans and 96 Retail Outlets and 50 LPG distributorships included for Tamil Nadu in the RO Marketng Plan 1988—93 and LPG Marketing Plan 1991-94.

(c) and (d) 5 LPG distributorships have been, allotted on compassionate grounds in Tamil Nadu during the last 2 years.

Conditions for Importing Petrol And Natural Gas

1168. SHRI S. AUSTIN : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) the terms and conditions under which permission is given for importing petroleum products and natural gas; and

(b) whether Government are giving any Financial assistance to the companies for import of pertol and natural gas ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPTAIN STAISH SHARMA) : (a) All decanalised petroleum products can be imported under the import-Export Policy in force.

(b) No, Sir.

L. P. G. Marketing Plan in Tamil Nadu

1169. SHRI S. AUSTIN : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) what are the names of the places in Tamil Nadu which have been included in L.P.G marketing plan till the end of financial year 1993-94:

(b) whether Government have included some new locations in Tamil Nadu under the LPG marketing plan in 1994-95, it so, the details thereof; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take set up LPG Agencies in those. locations '?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROULEM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA) :

(a) 50 locations have been included in the LPG Marketing Plan 1992-94 for Tamil Nadu.

(b) Marketing Plan for 1994—95 has not not yet been finalised.

(c) Does not arise